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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

The claims 1-18 are pending in the instant office action.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Groups I. Claims 1-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using siliffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 1, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

Groups II. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using siliffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

Groups III. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using siliffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 3, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

Groups IV. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using siliffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 4, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

Groups V. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using siliffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 5, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

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Groups VI. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using silaffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 6, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

Groups VII. Claims 1-4, 6-18, drawn to process of immobilizing compound on silica matrix using silaffin polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 7, classified in class 435, subclass 131.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions in groups I, II --- VII are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, inventions in groups I-VII are method steps involving different proteins each of them having unique amino acid sequence with unique structure, function and utility.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Meah whose telephone number is 571-272-1261. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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